## **The Worst Job Markets**

Local Area Jobs	September 2005		October 2005	
New Orleans-Metairie-Kenner, LA	(212,100)	-34.7%	(208,700)	-33.8%
Gulfport-Biloxi, MS	(26,100)	-22.8%	(27,100)	-24.0%
Lake Charles, LA	3,700	4.3%	(10,000)	-11.3%
Pascagoula, MS	(5,800)	-10.7%	(4,100)	-7.6%
Danville, VA	(2,400)	-5.4%	(2,200)	-4.9%
Beaumont-Port Arthur, TX	200	0.1%	(6,500)	-4.2%
Holland-Grand Haven, MI	(4,800)	-4.1%	(3,300)	-2.8%
Niles-Benton Harbor, MI	(1,200)	-1.8%	(1,500)	-2.3%
Rocky Mount, NC	(800)	-1.3%	(1,300)	-2.0%
Battle Creek, MI	(1,200)	-1.9%	(1,300)	-2.0%
Muncie, IN	(800)	-1.4%	(1,100)	-2.0%
Jackson, MS	(3,300)	-1.3%	(4,400)	-1.7%
Parkersburg-Marietta, WV	(100)	-0.1%	(1,200)	-1.6%
Saginaw-Saginaw Twnship N, MI	(600)	-0.6%	(1,500)	-1.6%
Bangor, ME	(1,700)	-2.5%	(1,000)	-1.5%
Hattiesburg, MS	(2,800)	-5.1%	(800)	-1.4%
Flint, MI	(1,200)	-0.7%	(2,200)	-1.3%
Dayton, OH	(2,900)	-0.7%	(5,600)	-1.3%
Detroit-Warren-Livonia, MI	(19,800)	-1.0%	(26,000)	-1.3%
Weirton-Steubenville, OH	(400)	-0.8%	(600)	-1.2%
Youngstown-Warren-Boardman, OH	(3,500)	-1.4%	(2,900)	-1.2%
Huntington-Ashland, WV	(1,900)	-1.6%	(1,400)	-1.2%
Iowa City, IA	(300)	-0.4%	(900)	-1.0%
Bay City, Ml	(600)	-1.5%	(400)	-1.0%
Anderson, IN	(300)	-0.7%	(400)	-0.9%

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## **The Best Job Markets**

----- 12 month job gain to: -----

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St. George, UT	3,800	8.6%	4,000	9.0%
El Centro, CA	2,900	7.1%	3,100	7.6%
Yuma, AZ	4,100	8.5%	3,700	7.4%
Las Vegas-Paradise, NV	60,400	7.3%	61,700	7.4%
Coeur d'Alene, ID	4,100	8.0%	3,600	7.0%
Atlantic City, NJ	800	0.5%	9,800	6.9%
Bellingham, WA	4,600	6.1%	4,700	6.0%
Yuba City, CA	2,100	5.4%	2,300	5.9%
Flagstaff, AZ	3,100	5.0%	3,400	5.5%
Idaho Falls, ID	2,800	5.6%	2,700	5.4%
Kennewick-Richland-Pasco, WA	3,800	4.4%	4,500	5.2%
Bend, OR	2,800	4.6%	3,100	5.1%
Winchester, VA	2,800	5.1%	2,800	5.1%
Cape Coral-Fort Myers, FL	10,300	5.1%	10,200	5.0%
Ocean City, NJ	300	0.6%	2,100	4.9%
Prescott, AZ	3,000	5.2%	2,700	4.7%
Provo-Orem, UT	6,800	4.1%	7,800	4.7%
Naples-Marco Island, FL	5,500	4.6%	5,600	4.6%
McAllen-Edinburg-Pharr, TX	8,900	4.8%	8,600	4.6%
Port St. Lucie-Fort Pierce, FL	6,300	5.4%	5,300	4.5%
Phoenix-Mesa-Scottsdale, AZ	75,500	4.5%	75,700	4.4%
Panama City-Lynn Haven, FL	3,600	5.1%	3,100	4.4%
Fort Walton Beach-Crestview-Destin, FL	4,000	4.7%	3,600	4.3%
Logan, UT	1,800	3.7%	2,100	4.2%
Punta Gorda, FL	1,700	4.3%	1,700	4.2%

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